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**For:** NOVEL MELANOCORTIN-4  
RECEPTOR SEQUENCES AND  
SCREENING ASSAYS TO IDENTIFY  
COMPOUNDS USEFUL IN  
REGULATING ANIMAL APPETITE  
AND METABOLIC RATE

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.143 and 1.146**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 21, 2003, applicants provisionally elect the invention, designated as Group I, encompassing Claims 1-20 and 24, for prosecution on the merits in this application. This provisional election is made with traverse.

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In further response to the Official Action dated February 21, 2003, applicants provisionally elect the species: polynucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 2 for prosecution on the merits in this application. Applicants submit that Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 17-21 and 24-69 read on this species. This species election is made with traverse.